

Claim 1 (Canceled).

Claim 2 (Previously amended): The apparatus of claim 31 in which the perimeter structural support means comprises a retaining wall.

Claim 3 (Previously amended): The apparatus of claim 2 in which the means for draining run off water from the holding means includes a dry well.

Claim 4 (Withdrawn): The apparatus of claim 31 in which the means for draining run off water from the holding means includes a pump.

Claim 5 (Withdrawn): The apparatus of claim 31 in which the perimeter structural support means includes a plurality of caissons.

Claim 6 (Withdrawn): The apparatus of claim 5 in which the perimeter structural support means further includes an L-beam disposed on at least some of the plurality of caissons.

Claim 7 (Withdrawn): The apparatus of claim 5 in which each caisson of the plurality of caissons is spaced apart from each other caisson .

Claim 8 (Withdrawn): The apparatus of claim 7 in which the plurality of spaced apart caissons includes a first row of spaced apart caissons and a second row of spaced apart caissons.

Claim 9 (Withdrawn): The apparatus of claim 8 in which the perimeter structural support means includes a first L-beam disposed on the first row of spaced apart caissons and a second L-beam disposed on the second row of spaced apart caissons.

Claim 10 (Withdrawn): The apparatus of claim 9 in which the roof means comprises a plurality of tee elements disposed on the first and second L-beams.

Claim 11 (Canceled).

Claim 12 (Currently amended): The apparatus of claim ~~[[11]]~~ 31 in which the plurality of tee elements are disposed adjacent to each other.

Claim 13 (Previously amended): The apparatus of claim 31 in which the holding means includes an upper side wall portion, a lower side wall portion, and a bottom portion.

Claim 14 (Original): The apparatus of claim 13 in which the upper side wall portion is disposed at a relatively shallow angle.

Claim 15 (Original): The apparatus of claim 14 in which the lower side wall portion is disposed at a relatively steep angle.

Claim 16 (Previously amended): The apparatus of claim 31 in which the holding means comprises a plastic liner.

Claim 17 (Previously amended): The apparatus of claim 31 in which the holding means is made of cementitious material.

Claim 18 (Previously amended): The apparatus of claim 31 in which the perimeter structural support means includes a generally vertically disposed retaining wall.

Claim 19 (Previously amended): The apparatus of claim 18 in which the holding means is secured to the vertically disposed retaining wall.

Claim 20 (Original): The apparatus of claim 19 in which the retaining wall is relatively short.

Claim 21 (Original): The apparatus of claim 19 in which the retaining wall is relatively long.

Claim 22 (Withdrawn): The apparatus of claim 31 in which the perimeter structural support means includes a stepped retaining wall.

Claim 23 (Withdrawn): The apparatus of claim 31 in which the perimeter structural support means includes a plurality of relatively short stepped retaining walls.

Claim 24 (Withdrawn): The apparatus of claim 23 in which the holding means is secured to the plurality of relatively short stepped retaining walls.

Claim 25 (Canceled).

Claim 26 (Currently amended): The apparatus of claim ~~[[25]]~~ 31 in which the roof means further includes a concrete cap disposed on the plurality of structural tee elements.

Claim 27 (Canceled).

Claim 28 (Canceled).

Claim 29 (Withdrawn): The apparatus of claim 32 in which the means for draining run off water from the holding means includes a pump.

Claim 30 (Canceled).

31 (Currently amended): Underground water retention apparatus comprising
in combination:

means for providing perimeter structural support;

means for holding a quantity of run off water secured to the means for
providing perimeter structural support;

means for draining run off water onto the means for holding a quantity of run
off water;

means for draining run off water from the means for holding a quantity of run
off water; and

means for providing a roof for covering the holding means, and for providing
structural support for appropriate use of this roof means, disposed on the perimeter
structural support means [[.]] , and including a plurality of tee elements disposed on
the means for providing perimeter structural support.

32 (Withdrawn): Underground water retention apparatus comprising in combination:

means for providing perimeter structural support, including a plurality of spaced apart caissons;

means for holding a quantity of run off water secured to the means for providing perimeter structural support;

means for draining run off water onto the holding means;

means for draining the run off water from the holding means; and

means for providing a roof for covering the holding means, and for providing structural support for appropriate usage of this roof means, disposed on the perimeter structural support means.